# **Section 4.0 Environmental Childcare**

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#### **DIAPERING AREA**

No utensils or toys washed, rinsed or stored in the diaper changing area. [19 CSR 30-60.090 (3) (F), 19 CSR 30-62.052 (1) (B)]

#### Reason

Utensils can become contaminated with disease causing germs when cleaned or stored in close proximity to diapering areas.

Correction Time Frame At the time of notification.

Hand sink with warm running water located in the diaper changing area immediately accessible to the diapering surface. [19 CSR 30-60.090 (3) (A), 19 CSR 30-62.082 (4) (A) and (D)]

The hand sink shall be equipped with warm running water, soap and a sanitary hand drying method. The sink shall be located so that it is immediately accessible (within 8 feet) to the diapering surface but also shall be located so the provider can maintain supervision of the children while washing hands. Newly licensed providers shall not go through a doorway to wash hands after diapering a child. See section D2.

# Reason

A hand-washing sink that is immediately available (within approximately 8ft) after diapering a child helps ensure that hands will be washed and germs from fecal material will not be passed on to other children and surfaces in the childcare space.

Correction Time Frame

Within thirty days of notification or before the inspection due date.

Diapering surface smooth, easily cleanable, nonabsorbent and in good repair. [19 CSR 30-60.070 (1) (F) 1., 19 CSR 30-62.082 (4) (A)]

Tape cannot be used to repair tears in diapering surfaces because it will not leave the surface smooth and easily cleanable.

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# Reason

Diapering surfaces shall be replaced if they have cracks, holes and tears. The surface cannot properly be sanitized when in poor condition. The surface shall also be smooth and nonabsorbent. Quilted type patterns are not desirable and should be replaced when they deteriorate. All diapering surfaces shall be nonabsorbent.

Correction Time Frame

Within 30 days or before the inspection due date.

Soiled diapers stored in a solid, nonabsorbent container with tight fitting lids located in the diapering area. [19 CSR 30-60.090 (3) (E), 19 CSR 30-62.182 (1) (E) 5.]

- > To limit possible contamination, individual diapers shall not be carried outside after each diaper change.
- > Soiled diapers shall be immediately placed in an airtight container located in the diapering area.
- > Diaper containers shall not be stored in the food preparation area.
- > Cloth diapers shall be stored in an airtight plastic bag and removed from the building daily.

#### Reason

If not handled properly, soiled diapers can lead to the spread of disease.

Correction Time Frame

Upon notification. If a diapering container needs to be purchased compliance is required before the due date.

Soiled diaper container emptied, washed, rinsed and sanitized daily. [19 CSR 30-60.090 (1) (A), 19 CSR 30-62.052 (1) (B)]

The diapering container shall be emptied and washed, rinsed and sanitized as needed or at least at the end of the day.

#### Reason

Cleaned and sanitized diapering containers help reduce the spread of disease and odors.

Correction Time Frame Upon notification.